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11 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Special Assistant, Director, D&E

FROM:

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Staff Historian, DCI/History Staff

SUBJECT:

Updated Overhead History Chapters

1. As I promised on Monday, 7 January, I am sending you more recent iterations of two chapters of the Overhead History, the Summary, and Chapter VII, CORONA and the National Reconnaissance Office. I would be delighted to have Dr. Wheelon read these chapters, particularly those on the NRO [redacted]

2. Dr. Wheelon should keep in mind that this history makes no pretense at being exhaustive. I have made a conscious effort to limit each project to approximately 50 pages in order to keep the narrative short enough that a busy executive could read a chapter in less than an hour and come away with a good grasp of the issues that gave rise to each system as well as the efforts required to bring it into operation.

3. Please stress to Dr. Wheelon that he can and is encouraged to make any marks or comments he sees fit on these copies of the manuscripts. If he has the time and/or inclination, I should like to interview him in order to obtain his views on some of the more contentious issues during his stewardship.

4. After 18 January I can be reached on [redacted]

Thanks again for your help,

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